

Council of the District of Columbia
Committee on the Judiciary
Notice of Public Hearing

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER KATHY PATTERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 15-450, "PUBLIC CONGESTION AND VENUE PROTECTION ACT OF
2004,"**

AND

**BILL 15-912, "INCREASED PENALTIES FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A
MOTOR VEHICLE AMENDMENT ACT OF 2004."**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2004
10:00 a.m.**

**John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Council Chambers, Room 500
Washington, DC 20004**

On Thursday, September 23, 2004, Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, will hold a public hearing on Bill 15-450, "Public Congestion And Venue Protection Act of 2004," and Bill 15-912, "Increased Penalties For The Unauthorized Use Of A Motor Vehicle Amendment Act Of 2004." The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Tami Lewis, Legislative Assistant to the Committee on the Judiciary, at 724-7808 or via email at

tlewis@dccouncil.us. All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Judiciary Committee, or to Ms. Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close on Thursday, October 7, 2004.

**Council of the District of Columbia
Subcommittee on Public Interest
Notice of Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INTEREST
ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**BILL 15-872 THE "OMNIBUS UTILITY AMENDMENT ACT OF 2004"
AND BILL 15-750 THE "PAY TELEPHONE SERVICES PROVIDER ENHANCED
PROTECTION AMENDMENT ACT OF 2004"**

**Thursday, September 23, 2004, 10:00a.m., Room 412
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Interest announces a public hearing on Bill 15-872, the "Omnibus Utility Amendment Act of 2004" and Bill 15-750, the "Pay Telephone Services Provider Enhanced Protection Amendment Act of 2004." The public hearing will be held at 10:00a.m. on Thursday, September 23, 2004 in Room 412 of the John A. Wilson Building.

Bill 15-872 proposes to increase Commissioner salaries at the Public Service Commission and the following changes to Title 34 of the D.C. Code: (1) changing the five-year limitation for PSC nominees prior to appointment having a financial or other interest in a public utility to one-year; (2) requiring the Commission and Office of the People's Counsel to expeditiously refund the balance of any funds received pursuant to § 34-912(a); (3) increasing the expenditure cap for OPC and the Commission under § 34-2002(m); (4) establishing a minimum non-bypassable charge under § 34-1514 and requiring the Commission to commence collection on January 1, 2005; (5) requiring public utilities to notify both the Office of the People's Counsel and Commission and submit a written incident report in the event of injury, death or interruption in service; (6) requiring the Commission and OPC to submit the agency fund reports by February 15th of each year and to provide copies to the public utilities; (7) clarifying that notice under the Utility Ratepayers Amendment Act of 2004 can be by electronic or written means; and (8) for other purposes.

For the September 23, 2004 hearing, the Subcommittee will have available a draft print containing several additional provisions. These include: (1) establishing a Natural Gas Trust Fund; (2) incorporating Bill 15-750; and (3) permitting the electric company (and possibly other utilities) to obtain a social security number or a deposit when opening new accounts. Copies of the print will be available from the Subcommittee after August 25, 2004.

Bill 15-750 proposes to add the term "pay telephone service provider" to the definition of public utility under Title 34 of the D.C. Code and to increase the penalty for operating an unregistered pay telephone.

Those who wish to testify should contact Nicola Y. Whiteman, Subcommittee Clerk, at (202) 724-8064, by fax at (202) 724-8099, or via e-mail at Nwhiteman@dccouncil.us, and provide their name, address, telephone number, organizational affiliation and title by the close of business on Tuesday, September 21, 2004. Witnesses should also provide 15 copies of their testimony. If submitted by the close of business on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, the testimony will be distributed to councilmembers before the hearing. All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation.

If you are unable to testify at the hearing, written statements are encouraged and will be made a part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Subcommittee Clerk, or to Ms. Phyllis Jones, Secretary to the Council, Room 5 of the Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004. The record will close on September 30, 2004.

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**COUNCILMEMBER KATHY PATTERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 15-967, "INCOMPETENT DEFENDANTS CRIMINAL COMMITMENT ACT OF
2004,"**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2004
10:00 a.m.**

**John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Council Chambers, Room 500
Washington, DC 20004**

On Thursday, October 7, 2004, Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, will hold a public hearing on Bill 15-967, "Incompetent Defendants Criminal Commitment Act Of 2004." The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Tami Lewis, Legislative Assistant to the Committee on the Judiciary, at 724-7808 or via email at tlewis@dccouncil.us. All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

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**COUNCILMEMBER KATHY PATTERSON, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC HEARING ON

**BILL 15-968, "FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS AND POLICE STANDARDS ACT
OF 2004,"**

**OCTOBER 7, 2004
10:00 a.m.**

**John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Council Chambers, Room 500
Washington, DC 20004**

On Thursday, October 7, 2004, Councilmember Kathy Patterson, Chairperson of the Committee on the Judiciary, will hold a public hearing on Bill 15-968, "First Amendment Rights And Police Standards Act Of 2004." The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber and will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony, which will be made a part of the official record. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact Tami Lewis, Legislative Assistant to the Committee on the Judiciary, at 724-7808 or via email at tlewis@dccouncil.us. All witnesses will be permitted a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.

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**Council of the District of Columbia
Subcommittee on Public Interest
Notice of Joint Public Hearing**

1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW 20004

**COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON, CHAIRPERSON OF THE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INTEREST AND
COUNCILMEMBER KEVIN P. CHAVOUS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, AND RECREATION
ANNOUNCE A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON**

**Bill 15-886, the "School Accountability Amendment Act of 2004"
Bill 15-913, the "Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining Amendment Act of 2004"
Bill 15-919, the "Management Rights Clarification Amendment Act of 2004"**

**Friday, September 24, 2004, 10:00a.m., Room 500
John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.**

Councilmember Phil Mendelson, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Interest and Councilmember Kevin P. Chavous, Chairman of the Committee on Education, Libraries, and Recreation announce a joint public hearing on Bill 15-886, the "School Accountability Amendment Act of 2004," Bill 15-913, the "Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining Amendment Act of 2004," and Bill 15-919, the "Management Rights Clarification Amendment Act of 2004." The hearing will be held on Friday, September 24th at 10:00a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building. This hearing is the second of a two-part hearing on these bills.

Bill 15-886 proposes to prohibit the inclusion of non-financial benefits in collective bargaining agreements and to prohibit the Board of Education from waiving its right to hold teachers accountable for educating the children of the District of Columbia.

Bill 15-913 proposes to make several amendments to the District of Columbia Government Merit Personnel Act of 1978 including imposing a deadline for parties seeking to negotiate a compensation agreement and establishing guidelines for declaration of an impasse in negotiations.

Bill 15-919 would clarify that certain currently specified management rights are not subject to negotiation during the collective bargaining process.

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